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Art Unit 3763

Examiner: Williams, Catherine Serke

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Title: Needle Guard

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period for responding to the Final Rejection dated May 22, 2006 be extended three months to November 22, 2006.

A Notice of Appeal is being submitted herewith.

A check in the amount of \$510.00 (small entity) is enclosed. Please charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 03-0678.

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